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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<i>Interview Summary</i>	Application No. <b>09/641,715</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Hullam</b>
	Examiner <b>Clark F. Dexter</b>	Art Unit <b>3724</b>

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ms. Renee Lewald

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(2) Mr. Clark Dexter

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Date of Interview Oct 16, 2002

Type: a) Telephonic      b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes    e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

Gunson

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

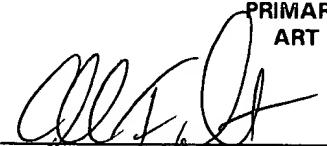
Ms. Lewald called to discuss the outstanding rejections. Mr. Dexter further explained his position regarding the prior art rejection and the rejection under 35 USC 112. Regarding the prior art rejection, Mr. Dexter's position is that the prior art device discloses all of the claimed structure, and that there is nothing in the claim that structurally distinguishes the claimed invention over the prior art, and particularly nothing which structurally limits the claimed invention to a cutting device for cutting fiber optic cable. Regarding the "112" rejection, Mr. Dexter stated that it remains unclear as to what the claimed "first angle" and "second angle" refer, particularly since it appears that these angles refer to angles in which the second angle (formed between the blunt surface and the inner face which is approximately 90 degrees) is smaller than the first angle (formed between one of the sides of the pyramid-shaped sharp surfaces and the inner face which is greater than 90 degrees) which is opposite of what is claimed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.